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PROMOTION OF AYURVEDA MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ayurvedic medicines have been used as life saving drugs since the ancient times;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government for promotion of AYUSH Medicine in view of its usefulness?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. In ancient classical text books of Ayurveda, there are descriptions about medicines and interventions that are useful even in acute and life threatening situations like un-consciousness, venomous toxicity and trauma to vital organs. Judicious application of medicines coupled with interventions that augment the natural defence systems of the body are able to control vast number of diseases. While treating the patients, their physiological and psychological constitution are taken into account.

(c): Department of AYUSH have taken various steps to promote AYUSH systems of medicine in India & abroad. The schemes for supporting information, education and communication, international co-operation, quality control of AYUSH drugs, AYUSH intervention in public health initiative re-vitalization of local health practices, setting up of AYUSH facilities in allopathic centres and supply of essential medicines to AYUSH dispensaries have been implemented for enhancing the public awareness and promotion of AYUSH in health care system. The Central Research Councils of AYUSH are working on scientific validation of AYUSH systems for their wider acceptability.